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Knowledge is now no more a fountain sealed;
Drink deep, until the habits of the slave,
The sins of emptiness, gossip and spite
And slander, die.
—Elizabeth B. Browning.

Thugs and agitators must go.

Thank goodness Thwing hasn't offered his advice on the strike.

Jails can wait when public schools and the roads need attention.

The criminal who has made a failure of life always has a snarl for success.

One hundred thousand Europeans may not be so far distant as many would have us believe.

Stand by your own town and throw your influence on the side of fair play and common decency in industrial affairs.

Governor Peary leaves an opening for a second thought, even when expressing the reasons why he believes in Hawaii.

Improve each moment by helping Honolulu. The man who sneers and complains is a person whose only use in a growing town is a horrible example.

With Great Britain building battleships that travel at the rate of railroad trains, there will soon be new cause for the cry that our own ships are out of date.

Baseball has very noticeably gravitated to the center of town. Clearly the layout that plans its games within easy walking distance will do the business.

The Hawaiian Herald says with all assurance that Judge Dole is merely waiting for a good opportunity to put aside the cares of office, so the story cannot be branded as pure Honolulu manufacture.

The more or less secret supporters of the Thugs, Agitators and Shysters disapprove frequent reference calling attention to them. When the strike is finished they will be more anxious to be let alone.

The Thug is the agent of the Agitator, and the deeds of violence may be traced directly to the men whose reckless teachings have been the chief factors in misleading the honest laborers of the plantations.

While Hilo was talking about it, the proposition for opening up its hotel was being put through in Honolulu. Our sister city may also rest assured that Honolulu will do what it can to help Hilo grow.

Seventy-five per cent of the Japanese laborers want to go to work. It is therefore reasonable that the influence of the business men on the side of the honest workman will overthrow the evil done by the Agitators.

Can there be any first-class excuse for lack of passenger accommodations on a transport line profiting by the protection of the American flag and carrying seventy-five per cent of the freight shipped out of Hawaii?

People who put their money in propositions away from Hawaii, boosted by glittering generalities, may expect to send some one to look after the place where it disappeared. No place on earth offers a better opportunity for the investment of savings than the enterprises in the Territory of Hawaii.

Hawaii's shipments of merchandise from the mainland in March of 1908 were valued at \$1,070,987, and \$1,521,370 for March of 1909. This means that the prosperity of this Territory increases the purchases from the mainland by nearly \$500,000 a month. That should satisfy our fellow countrymen that prosperity is not a one-sided game.

FACTS.

Bear these figures in mind, as authoritative facts given by Mr. Tenney of the Planters' Association:

Of 2,075 Japanese on the payroll April 30 at Ewa plantation, only 291 were working at the \$18 a month rate.

For the year 1908 the average wages paid to the Japanese men, women and children was \$21.80 per month of 26 days.

All these laborers have free houses, free fuel, and free medical attendance, thus making food and clothing their only "living" expense. The more efficient laborers earn more than \$30 a month.

Yet this strike, worked up by Agitators and forced upon reputable Japanese workmen by Thugs, is based on the false representation that all Japanese, or the majority of them are receiving the \$18 a month wage.

TRUTH MUST PREVAIL.

The statement by E. D. Tenney of the wages earned by the Japanese laborers on Ewa and Wai'alua plantations wipes out a great mass of falsification with which the Agitators have been bolstering their cause for months.

Many have believed the eighteen-dollar-a-month story, exaggerated and decorated with every repetition. Many have thought the Japanese ought to get more than eighteen dollars a month when the plantations have been making money under the favorable price of sugar. They did not stop to ask the facts. They took the current cry and let it go at that.

Now the truth comes out. On Ewa plantation only 291 Japanese, of a total of 2,075 employed, received the much despised \$18 per month.

A little more than one-tenth of the men who went out on strike under the \$18 banner receive that wage. The other nine-tenths receive from \$20 a month up.

May we not readily believe that the \$18-tenth is composed of the Thug and gambling element who don't want to work? This is entirely probable, and the sin of it all is that such a small proportion of the inefficient and criminal class should have cajoled and threatened the reputable workmen into quitting their profitable labor and comfortable homes.

Mr. Tenney's reference to the temples and schools that have been furnished at much expense by the plantations recalls one of the demands shaped presumably under the direction of the Agitators. One reason given for the demands for an impossible wage is that the temples and their maintenance involve increased expense to the laborers.

When the plantation authorities built these temples it was done under the impression that they were adding to the comfort of their employees. This justified the cost. Now the Agitators use it as an indictment against the kind-hearted and thoughtful employer.

The more one gets into the heart of the Agitator-Thug strike the more thoroughly convinced must be become that the movement is based on untruths, deliberate falsehoods and more or less artful invention.

The Japanese spirit should assert itself on the side of common sense and honesty. Then it will be possible to deal with the subject of remuneration on its merits.

SAN FRANCISCO'S GRAFT WAR.

The war for the purification of San Francisco continues to be a war in which the advance guards of both sides keep up such a running fire of mud that it is almost impossible to discern the real forces of justice.

The Calhoun newspapers gave much space to what they claim is proof that Rudolph Spreckels while on the witness stand admitted being a blackmailer, who engaged in the prosecution game for what he could make, and that he tried to hold up the United Railways. To prove this statement the paper publishes a section from the stenograph-

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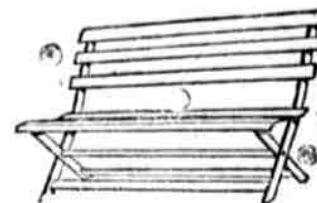
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